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The Truth About These 'Jewish' Politicians

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Last week AFP dissected fictitious stories surrounding claims that Adolf Hitler was Jewish, a popular legend various elements have circulated for their own often-conflicting reasons. Now for the autopsy table: similar rumors about other well-known figures.

First of all, there is a claim Hillary Rodham Clinton is Jewish. The origin of this story was quite simply a total fabrication. An Internet intriguer, known for starting rumors to see how far they go, spread the word Hillary's family name was originally Rodamski. Not true. The same provocateur later spun a cleverly crafted story that Sarah Palin was Jewish, complete with phony "links" that went nowhere. Mrs. Palin loves Israel but, like Mrs. Clinton, if she does have Jewish blood, it's never been documented.

The more widely heralded claim about Mrs. Clinton's origins arose from disingenuous campaign rhetoric from Mrs. Clinton herself. During her first Senate bid, Mrs. Clinton courted Jewish votes by mentioning her "Jewish grandfather."

Many jumped on this story, but here are the facts: After Mrs. Clinton's maternal grandfather died, Mrs. Clinton's grandmother married again, this time to a Jewish man, Max Rosenberg. This "Jewish grandfather" to whom Mrs. Clinton referred was not really her "grandfather," but rather her step-grandfather. Mrs. Clinton's mother did have a half-sister who converted to Judaism but that doesn't make Mrs. Clinton Jewish, either.

What about the Rockefellers? The oft-touted "proof" the Rockefellers are Jewish stems from a selective misreading of Stephen Birmingham's 1971 book, *The Grandees*, in which the author mentioned the name "Rockefeller" can be found in Malcolm Stern's rare 1960 genealogical study, *Americans of Jewish Descent*.

However, those citing Birmingham failed to read what he went on to relate: The Rockefellers referenced by Stern descend from a Jewish woman, Helen Gratz, who married Godfrey Rockefeller, a second cousin to the famous sons of John D. Rockefellers — Nelson, David, etc.

So while there may be Jewish blood in the John D. Rockefeller line (and thus far there have only been unsubstantiated rumors to that effect) the most widely circulated story (referenced above) is not proof at all.

How about the Roosevelts? In truth, most of the widely cited Internet "facts" about their purported Jewish ancestry are repetitions of undocumented stories going back to the 1930s.

And while Franklin Roosevelt's presidency was — as Joseph P. Kennedy once accurately described it — "a Jewish production," FDR and his wife (a cousin on the Roosevelt side) were themselves known to privately make anti-Jewish remarks, a surprise to those who worship at the Roosevelt altar. But today many Jews say "FDR didn't do enough to stop the Holocaust," despite his role in sparking the war against Hitler.

Despite this, there is some ambiguous evidence pointing toward possible Jewish ancestry in the Roosevelt line. On Feb. 5, 1982 The *London Jewish Chronicle* reported FDR "had [a] Jewish great grandmother," citing famed Rabbi Steven Wise as a source. However, the story mentions an otherwise unknown relative, Esther Levy, whose name never appears in popular lore relating to FDR's alleged heritage. But, years ago, *American Heritage* did report FDR's mother's family — the Delanos — were of Jewish origin, an interesting detail since FDR's mother was said to be "anti-Semitic."

One more. Many think former CIA director George Tenet — a Christian of Greek heritage — is Jewish. The rumor stems from a mistake by *Parade*, the Sunday magazine. On Nov. 19, 1995, *Parade* published a front-page picture of three top CIA figures. Two were Jewish: director John Deutch and executive director Nora Slatkin. The third person pictured, Tenet, was misidentified as David Cohen, the former CIA director of operations, who is Jewish.

Although *Parade* corrected its error in its next issue, after Tenet later became CIA director he was incorrectly "remembered" as one of "the three Jews" on *Parade*'s cover and one researcher even claimed Tenet was actually David Cohen operating under the name "George Tenet." Great theory — but not true.

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